

Cornwall Bluffs,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1869.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro,

Your letters  
from New York awaited my return  
from S. Ind. Regret to learn  
of your physical indisposition -  
I find our P.M. has only  
forwarded your letters to N.Y.  
without the "Care Sheldon & Co" -  
Enquire at Genl Delivery in N.Y.  
I have corrected the error -

Campbell refuses now to give  
Hughes \$1000 for Atlantic but  
prefers our Board should take  
him up - I fear this will  
leave Atlantic vacant again.

Peck writes discouragingly  
from Cheyenne - says the  
Presbyterians have gone over  
to the Congregationalists & don't  
want a Presbyterian minister.

Have given him no encouragement,  
says that a general lack of  
Confidence prevails in the town itself,  
I hardly think he will remain  
longer than. I hear from you -

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sources that Leavitt will by no  
means suit Lincoln -

It is said of him - that he is a  
dry preacher - no energy - and  
no heart in the work -

Do you know <sup>of</sup> him personally -

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looking for a field. I want  
him to visit Hamburg &c -

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Blainstown Lou  
Nov 2d. 1869

Rev Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Broth.

After  
keeping you waiting for  
a long time I send you  
one hundred dollars ~~that~~  
(\$100.00) that ought to have  
been sent long ago. Farmers  
here have very little money.  
They never saw so hard times.  
I will send you the other  
fifty as soon as I possibly  
can. Will you be going  
through Blainstown on the  
last of November. If you  
are cannot you be here  
on the evening of the 22d

of Nov. (Monday evening). I  
wish to be married then  
and would like to have  
you marry us. Please  
answer the immediate  
for it is not long until  
the time and if you  
cannot - cannot come  
give me time to look for  
some one else. Jackson  
I will put Mr. Jackson's  
name on this letter so  
that he may open it if  
you are not - then, so that  
I can see whether to ex-  
pect you or not <sup>then</sup> immediately.  
I send you <sup>two</sup> one checks  
one for \$42 <sup>1.00</sup> and one for  
\$5.75 <sup>2.00</sup>.

Come if you can.  
Yours in Christ.

J. Nesbit Wilson

Fremont Neb Nov 4/99  
Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir;

Returning from my eastern trip a few days ago I was surprised to find that nothing had been done here, towards erecting the Presbyterian Church on the lots which I purchased for them previous to leaving here in the summer; and was still more astonished to find at this late day, that some, (among them I think the ministers you have selected to preach for us) are dissatisfied with the location - I supposed that matter finally settled, when the Committee wrote me a note accepting the lots,

and agreeing to build a  
Church costing not less than  
three thousand dollars - to be  
commenced by the first of  
October, and to be <sup>I think</sup> enclosed by  
the first of Aug<sup>m</sup> next - Espe-  
cially as Mr Galpin with whom  
it is understood here, you  
left the matter of fixing on  
a location, had previously  
assured me that if I would  
purchase those lots, they would  
accept them, and build  
their Church on them - Hav-  
ing full faith in the prom-  
ises of your Committee and  
that was much as you had  
given Mr L. the power to  
fix on a location, you would  
ratify whatever he did, I  
put myself to considerable  
trouble to solicit subscrip-  
tions and purchased the



lots, making myself <sup>personally</sup> re-  
sponsible to those who con-  
tributed, for the fulfillment  
of the promises of your  
Committee. This is the way  
the matter now stands,  
and I cannot believe that  
the Presbyterian Church will  
fail to keep its promises  
with me, made through  
its authorized agents.

I know that in this coun-  
try among some of the  
old settlers, (but I hope  
with only a few) promises  
are lightly broken, but  
in the Church we look  
for a higher standard  
of morality. If the lots are  
thrown upon my hands, and  
I am obliged to return the mon-  
ey to those who contributed  
towards purchasing them, it



will be a damage to me, as  
I have no use for them.

It seems to me that it will  
be greatly to the interest of your  
Church hereafter to go on and  
Erect on those lots the building  
I am told you have had  
prepared for Fremont, as  
we shall all feel much more  
like rendering you substan-  
tial assistance in the future  
if you do so - I suppose  
you are aware another R.R.  
has been commenced here  
to run up the Elkhorn Valley  
Mr Blair has taken it in  
hand -

Yours very truly  
David S. Chase

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Chicago, *Nov 5th* 18*99*

Rev. Sheldon Jackson }  
Care of Sheldon }  
500 Broadway NY }

My Dear Sir

2<sup>nd</sup> inst is this day recd.

Have letter today from Rev. Mr. T. Freeman  
saying that they ~~will~~ and will try to get large  
church salaries day to day. This fall will hold on  
until you decide. The Knowledge Church is shipped  
the Cheyenne Church will follow soon.  
Will send you copy of Standard with notice of WPRM Church.

Yours Respy  
Yours Obedt Serv  
Lyman Bridges

Mr. Toland writes  
that the field in O - is  
quite dry & we do not  
take advantage of it by  
the 10 or 15" of rain - he must sell the lot &  
the 20 - 25" He is going away & needs his money -

Nov. 3 - 1869

Dear Bro Jackson,

Your  
letter of Oct 30<sup>th</sup> is before  
me. - I hasten to reply -

I am well, & better suited  
than when I first arrived.

Thompson rec'd me cordially  
but has not as yet intro-  
duced me to his wife or  
taken me to his house.

Rev. Mr. Davis Cong. Min.  
on one occasion introduced  
me to his wife & Mrs. Thomp-  
son standing by, was  
asked - "I suppose you  
have met Mr. Pick" (I  
had then been here 10 days)

She replied "Yes I have



meet Mr. Peck! "Thank you  
thine by refusing me in-  
troduction! I mention this  
as an evidence of the <sup>man's</sup>  
war in it. I have been need  
by those to whom you gave  
me letters; & to whom I  
would look of all others,  
for a cordial welcome.  
I have prayed much, &  
"knocked about" - on my  
own hook" to become  
acquainted - no one <sup>seeming</sup>  
to take any special interest  
in me or my work, I have  
made some pleasant  
acquaintances, among  
whom I mention Bro. Campbell  
& his brother the blind  
man, - Mr. Baird & Mary  
Wilson the Banker, Mr. Hamp-  
son was not suited with

Lincoln but of course will  
wait your permission,  
I have done all - I possibly  
could to make myself  
known & to "talk Ch." to the  
people. All seem pleased  
with the enterprise, & I am  
looking for a fair Congre-  
gation, both as to quality  
& quantity. Many of our  
Presbyterians are at present  
interested in the Congl Ch. -  
& in fact a large half of  
that organization, is at  
this time. Presbyterians. There  
are many reasons of future  
decline in Cheyenne. You  
seem to have any confidence  
in the permanency of the place.  
I give the reports for what  
they are worth. It is nec-  
essary for me to board

at a private boardinghouse -  
- The Karus' House - at  
an expense of 15-\$ for week.

I have now given you  
in a disconnected way  
a brief outline of my  
work & trials - I should  
be happy to hear from  
you as often as convenient.

Tho' it would be pleasant to  
me to enjoy the compani-  
ship of my wife - wh. might  
be done during the winter  
at Quebec or Lincoln - Yet  
if it be the will of the Master,  
I shall joyfully bear this  
Cross & work with the ability  
He giveth - in this barren &  
desolate field - alone, un-  
friended - & surrounded by mor-  
al & physical desolation -  
Years in the work of X<sup>th</sup> -  
H. R. Beck.



the ch. lots originally selected  
& sold. we own a 2 present,  
so after 10 days delay in  
seeking the owner for the  
lot directly east of the  
Episcopal Ch. & across the  
St. we finally thought that  
we had bought the soil  
lot of Maj Evans of Omaha,  
for 200 \$, - the Maj writing  
that he would dispose of  
it for that price & give a  
deed. Thompson Buell &  
Curtis - Building Committee -  
commenced laying the  
foundation according to  
plan. & telegraphed to Mr.  
Bridges of Chicago to come  
on with the building at once.  
In a day or two - Maj. Evans  
informed us by letter that he  
did not own that lot - but

others in the same block, &  
desiring an exchange - I  
put the letters of Maj. Evans  
in the hands of Gen. Campbell  
who says, that since we com-  
menced work upon the lot  
upon Maj. Evans' promise to  
give a deed for the same  
we can advise him to procure  
the lot or pay damages re-  
The lot is the best in the city,  
the foundation is completed &  
~~fixed~~ ~~fixed~~ - finished in good  
style - We are waiting for the  
building, It is 10 days since  
we ordered it, by telegram &  
letter - I preached at Levanie  
last Sat. - preach next Sat.  
A.M. here - Shall - I preach at  
L - once or twice a month & I  
have written to Gen. Dodge to  
have 4 fine lots at L - for a  
Ch. building - I cannot tell you  
anything about Mesengo - I am  
being urged to take hold of

Council Bluffs,  
8<sup>th</sup> Nov 1869.

Rev. S. L. Jackson

Dear Bro,

I have just  
returned from Omaha where  
we secured half price for  
Bro. H. R. R. family & his  
friend, who is to teach,  
He left in the morning for  
San Francisco, leaving his family  
with friends in Cal. He gave to  
Indeke, \$200 which leaves him \$100.  
It was clearly best that he should  
go at once. He has written  
to kindly recommend him  
& visit Mr. Poland in  
Omaha. an act as a lesson  
often on the district.  
The church is, I think, the  
name I have given to the  
10<sup>th</sup> Nov, I hope to hear of you.



The Secs. & others are anxious to  
have a church. P.S. and T.  
Munroe in Canada is increasing.  
The N. S. church there is more  
than we have here. As the  
great cause is spreading,  
I will not the hope that  
you will succeed at Baltimore  
in getting Mr. Dickinson to take  
a <sup>10</sup> Lincoln & interest in the  
in Canada. My friend  
Mr. Perkins, occurs to me  
for immediate use. A Stone  
Mason residing near the  
says he would like the foundation  
cheaper in winter than in  
spring. And on this point  
Mr. Brown - if we but  
we can get the English people to  
double the amount.

If you do not return to the  
directly from Baltimore, then

Write me on Monday of your  
success that may commu-  
nicate with Poland -

Mr. Kennedy of the -  
Line in England - writes in  
the "Pittsburgh Courier" -  
Pittsburgh, Pa. -  
I have been in Baltimore  
and have been in Baltimore  
Pittsburgh, Pa. -  
in England, - He says he  
will not receive any of the  
funds no encouragement and  
the Baltimore, Pa. -  
some one, the Baltimore, Pa. -  
who does not remain in the  
of missions will not recommend  
him, the Baltimore, Pa. -

I have heard nothing of  
Condit - I met Graham  
at Smith. He is on his way  
to Fair City, Ark. -

Looking at Hawkeye, I moved,  
and he leaves Iowa City  
about 10 o'clock, I left at 11,  
a fine morning, and the  
fine day with much people  
were present.  
Campbell's office & mission in  
Hawkeye is very much  
increased. It is very  
large & I hope to visit it  
and enter the field.  
I hope to visit it  
and enter the field.

He need you very much here  
on the ground. I hope you  
will soon come.  
My dear Sir is suffering  
and many other children  
complaints are numerous and  
my hands are too full,  
I love this mission work  
but I wish to see you  
and my special children.  
Mrs. C. and her children  
with prayer for your  
you & the cause of the  
I am yours in the most  
affectionate



5/11  
Hemlock - Nov. 9th

Dear Bro J. (17)

Your letter is hard -

(We are in a "mues" - I don't know Wh. Galpin will do -

I have told I should stay here any how - I was going to hang on - Alcorn stands firm -

I have connected with Omaha Pres. I think Bro Carroll seemed to do it where more than 800,000 could be assured me -

They (Dr. Kendall) promised Smith 800 & 200 & 100,000 fields could do in addition -

With present prices of rents and living it is impossible for me to live on 8000 - Bro Chase says

living is almost, same as  
C. Bluffs - If you  
can, see Dr. Kendall and  
show him, necessity of  
more here than on some  
of country fields wh. he  
has lately commissioned -

I thank you for inter-  
esting Mrs. Newkirk in  
me - I wish you  
would obtain for entire beds  
dining rooms bed - If any  
body wants to furnish some  
carpeting send them on -

Wh. is to be done  
about Wilson wh. is now  
at Columbus & G. Island  
Is he to connect with  
Omaha Pres. or be sup-  
ported by J.O.S. Board  
your Board not ours!!  
I am N. S.!!

Bro Wilson also wishes  
clothing - Can you  
supply him

John Cole  
Horn Brook  
John L. Gage

Elizabeth Nov. 4 1869.

To the Rev. Sheldon Jackson -

Dear Brother: I thought it would be better for me to write you by Bro Roberts than to come at once to the meeting of the Assembly, as it becomes me to put very cautiously after the leadings of Divine Providence. Should you deem it advisable for me to come on immediately, and if it is the will of Him who <sup>choo</sup>se and appoints his servants to their places of labour, I can do so.

If, however, you have been lead to think otherwise, from any new view of the matter since we met, he couldn't with me, my dear Brother, as I would not, for the world, enter a field where the Lord of the Vineyard has no use for me.

I still feel my mind going out after your field in that great West.



It may, however seem best, as the season is pretty well advanced, and as I have been so long from my family to await the early spring. May the Lord in his mercy and goodness direct!

I stand the climate here for pretty well, indeed with increasing vigor, though somewhat depressed from the labours of last Lord's day. I then preached three times, attended the S. S. administered the Communion and spent an hour with <sup>a</sup> sick and dying lady, after preaching on Saturday. The climate ~~seems~~ to stimulate my feelings and lead me sometimes to go too far - a little.

Hoping and praying that the Lord may bless and direct your labours, I should remain, most affectionately,

Your Bro<sup>r</sup> in Christ.

Wm E. Hamilton.

Dear Mother

Some unknown  
person has sent me \$20  
for you. Thinking it will  
be safe, I send you my  
check for that amount.  
Please let me know if you  
receive it. I am sorry  
you have not received mine  
personally, but glad  
that you have not asked  
entirely in vain. God bless  
and prosper you.

I am truly in L<sup>ts</sup>  
Henry J. Van Dyke

Brooklyn Nov. 10. 1869.

...  
...  
...  
... (he has been de-  
... to accept of  
... - He has  
said he was going to find  
... your correspondence!!  
... start!  
... discouraged  
... of course wrong  
... hat

I asked you to see Dr.  
Rendall & explain to him/  
nature of this field as ex-  
-pressive - Mr. Carroll did not  
seem to know whether

/ same could be done for  
one wh. was promised  
Smith -

The Sols were corner  
wh. were promised near  
Cong. Church - But I  
think just now they  
could not be obtained -  
Interest waning - A  
corner lot could have  
been bought by Epis Ch.

Now / R.R. fills / mind  
of all - But inspires  
/ townsmen with hope -  
all will want / Ch. /  
more - But I am  
not sure that other  
lots will be donated  
next Spring -

The season is so far  
advanced that I would  
not like to have painted



any how  
ing down this winter -  
and I would let / who  
matter rest & tell them  
so. ~~Don't~~

Wh Shae Wilsons do?  
Connect with wh. Pres?  
He is at Columbus -  
Winter is on us -  
Rock is downaged at  
Cheyenne - I learn  
But  
John L Gage

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Chicago, Apr. 16 1869

Rev Sheldon Jackson  
Rt. Mrs. B. C. Eckman  
500 Broadway New York.

My Dear Sir,  
Revolving miter us that they are ready  
for us now. we will push matters that  
way. and see Mr Thompson. on our way  
by Chicago. Hope to see you for this month.

I have just returned from Kansas Pacific that  
Company will give you lots in any town you desire.  
The Treasurer Mr. Kelley as informed me they sent  
your picture just the thing for Kansas.  
I have read with much interest your paper  
Presbyterian Union. Glad the cause is now removed  
for any future separation.

I have kept me posted about Fremont. Now  
about Columbus. Laramie. Payson. Washita and Ogden.  
Chapels.

I am Very Respy  
Yours A. C. Son  
Lyman Bridges

GEO. W. FRANK,

Loan, Collecting and Real Estate Agent,

Davis Avenue,

Corning, Iowa, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1869

Dear Sir

Yours of Oct 12<sup>th</sup> was  
received. Mr. Perry has been at  
Corning and preached on two  
Sabbaths, and we had full  
congregation - both days

We will come again, and  
then we will try to build a lot  
to do. I have no one who  
feels an interest in Presbyterian-  
ism, to counsel with, and as Elder  
Peterson has not yet been out of the  
house on the Sabbath that Mr. S. is

I judge he is not the kind of  
man we need. for an elder-

I am absent much of the  
time, and regret that I am  
not able to do more, and will  
not consent to give up.

What had I better do?  
I shall be pleased to hear from  
you.

Truly Yours

G. W. Frank

To  
Rev. S. Jackson

New York

P.S. I am very much pleased with  
Mr. Shelley

To.



Bedford, Iowa,  
Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro;

When  
Can you be at Arvink to  
organize the Church there?  
Dec 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, I shall preach  
there three weeks from next  
Sabbath, (2 Sabbath of Dec.) and  
My appointments for that  
place will be every four  
weeks through the winter.  
The Brethren there wish  
you to come and organize  
also if practical, hold a  
series of meetings. Please  
let me know when you  
can be there.

I would have wrote my fam-

My, two weeks ago. I have  
not got fairly to house keeping  
yet.

The Board of Dom. Missions  
made something of a blunder  
in my Commission. They  
name Bedford, Pleasant Ridge &  
West's Station as the points.  
West's Station is some 25 or  
28 miles from here on the  
R.R. and could be better  
supplied by the minister  
at Red Oak than any other  
one. Their Commission comes  
also for two hundred dollars  
instead of four hundred as  
agreed upon. I hope  
the mistake will be rect-  
ified; as I cannot subsist  
upon the salary -

Truly yours,

H. H. Standolph

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Chicago, Oct 19 1884

The weather at Kalamazoo, Mich. and Peoria, Ill. is much better than at Chicago.

The following is a list of the new books, some of which are for sale. Each book is a pocket size, with binding. Eight feet long, seating six grown persons, just exactly the thing for Sabbath School. Church is being purchased.

Can let me hear from you, or from Church, Bryan, Columbus, Walcott, etc. you mentioned.

Very respectfully,  
Lyman Bridges

Lyman Bridges

Cheyenne

Nov. 20/69-

Dear Bro. Cleland,

Pardon  
my 2<sup>d</sup> letter, but the case  
is urgent, I write to you  
in case Bro. Jackson  
may not have returned,  
that as soon as possible  
he may know how matters  
stand here, as soon as  
you may be able to see him  
please inform him of the  
contents of this note.

We have secured the  
most eligible lot in the  
place for a Ch. building,  
just east of the Episcopal  
Ch. It was granted as a



donation. A board of  
Trustees was elected  
at a meeting some two  
weeks since - Consisting  
of Gov. Campbell as Pres<sup>t</sup> -  
Mr. Thompson Mr. Buell &  
Mr. Baker Editor of the  
"Leader" - A nice foundation  
built of stone & brick accor-  
ding to the plan I brought  
with me & at an expense  
of 370<sup>00</sup> \$ - has been in  
readiness more than three  
weeks. Mr. Thompson sent  
a telegram & letter, both  
to Lyman Bridges of Chicago  
the Contractor, to ship the  
building immediately,  
before work was begun  
upon the foundation. About  
two weeks since a letter  
was rec<sup>d</sup>. from Mr. Bridges

acknowledging the rec<sup>t</sup> of  
the order for the building,  
I promising to attend to  
it at once. Nothing has  
been heard since - no  
notice of shipment or  
word from Mr. Jackson.  
I have worked hard, in  
the way of visiting & can-  
vassing for the new ch.  
& the Congregationalists -  
are much discour-<sup>ged</sup> -  
They gave their Pastor how-  
ever 150.<sup>00</sup> Thanks giving.  
Now if the building is not  
coming soon it will be  
too late this season. If  
we are to have no building  
this winter, it is worse  
than useless to retain  
a man here, at 15.<sup>00</sup> pr. week  
with no place for preaching

I have been here 5 weeks  
+ only preached once in  
this place, - tho' I preach  
regularly every other Sab.  
at Laramie - twice. Mr.  
Gage occupied the Episcopal  
Ch. every Sab. Eve - but Mr.  
Cork declines to grant  
me the same favor, + no  
other place can be secured.

Pastoral work without preach-  
ing is an advantage to all  
other denominations but  
our own. It is no advantage  
to run Ch. that I assist bro.

Davis in pastoral labor +  
if we fail to build, as I have  
promised - this fall, it will  
damage us beyond recovery.  
I was led to think that the building  
was to come right along - & so I  
have represented - If we build now  
we shall succeed - if not - I must leave  
at once - Yours as ever H. P. BACK-

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New York, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 1869

Rev Sheldon Jackson  
Counsil Bluffs, Iowa.  
Dear Bro

I regret not seeing  
you when you called last.  
Enclosed please find fifty five  
dollars per check; the joint  
contribution of Frank & Will  
in aid of your Missionary Fund.  
Frank's engagement to mar-  
riage has just been announced.  
It is one in every way gratify-  
ing to us. The young lady  
is well connected in the  
line of the covenant of  
engaging manners very  
prudent intelligent pious and  
simple in her tastes. Thus

Providence crowns our days  
with loving-kindness and  
tender mercies. May he give  
us grace to receive them aright  
Our business prospects were  
never more favorable yet I  
pray that they may become  
more and more so and that  
thereunto I may receive  
grace to act as a faithful  
steward of his gifts

Let me close by assuring  
you of our daily prayers in  
your behalf

Yours truly  
Wm R Jennings,



Kansas City, Missouri

Nov 23 1869

Dear Bro Jackson

I have yours in connection with that of Dr Patterson respecting his son. That is the true way to come for his son. The church at Paola is now destitute of a pastor, but I hope will soon have one as Rev Jno S Beckman of French Grove, Mo. proposes to locate there. I have sent your letter to Rev W H Vroom of La Cygne who is in frequent communication with Mr B. & he will see that his attention is called to the young man.

I received a letter from a young gentleman in Allegany Seminary recently stating that you had directed him to me for a field for himself & his associates in Kansas. I am

Blissed to you for it. I can give  
them all work in this region.

With best wishes

I am  
Your Brother in Christ  
J. Hill

# KARNS HOUSE,

O'NEIL STREET, BET. 17th & 18th STS

Chgoeue. Wyo. Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 1869-

My Dear Bro. Jackson

Your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> is before me. As you mention the propriety of immediately securing a Commission from the Bd., & as I am "set off to the Presy of Colorado" (of wh. I also infer you are a member since you direct me to make application to yourself) I therefore apply to you formally for a Commission from the Bd. of D.M., dating from Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> - 69 - & for three months - to Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> 1870.

I should much prefer to have my wife with me, as she is not happy at home, &

renew my long absence.  
Her people are not pleased  
with the idea of her removal  
west & will not aid her  
to meet me. I have about  
200 \$ left, - 73 \$ for her traveling  
expenses here, & 22 \$ for, with  
per our board will hardly  
allow the venture. You remem-  
ber 200 \$ of wht. I would re-  
ceive on my Quarter's salary  
from the Bd, is already assign-  
ed to you - I see no other  
way for the present than to  
wait; & for Jesus' sake to let  
talence work to perfection.  
I should indeed feel much  
more contented were my wife with  
me, but our joint expenses at  
this hotel would be 100.00 \$ pr.  
month, wh. cannot be thought  
of for a moment, I think then  
that if Lincoln can be secured

by the 15<sup>th</sup> of Jan. & sufficient salary promised to defray the expense, but I had better defer sending for more, P., until that time.

By this plan we can save the R.R. fare from Canada & return (77.<sup>00</sup> \$ per my wife) & also the additional expense of living, for I think that board for myself & wife with furnished room can be secured for from 15 to 18 \$ pr. week, at L—. Pardon me this lengthy letter. I wish to present the whole case, & the severe trial placed upon my wife in this separation. I am willing to do my duty, & wish for advice. I trust that I am willing to follow the leading of Providence & so is my wife. —



But if consistent with high  
& holy responsibility - we  
desire to be together in the work.  
Should any plan present itself  
to your judgment combining  
both, our union & the work of  
the Ch. please let me know  
at once. If not, then I shall  
labor in whatever state I am  
therewith to be content.

The Ch. building is not here as  
yet. The foundation has been  
ready for three weeks, - it cost  
\$361.58. We sent a telegram  
order & a written order, to Mr  
Bridges, nearly a month ago.  
He replied over 2 weeks since  
that it would be attended to at  
once. Since then we have heard  
nothing - We have no snow - weather  
warm & beautiful - A month to come  
& it will be too late, hurry up the  
building or it is useless for me to  
reside here. Yours in H - H. P. L. K -

Los Angeles Cal. Nov 24. 69.

Dear Bro Jackson,

Bro Cllland has no doubt told you the reasons that induced me to start immediately West instead of remaining in Council B. as suggested. So I will say nothing more of that & pass to a more important subject.

C. was over and after my arrival in Cal. I collated all information possible in reference to Truckee (which is not in C. but in Cal), and all the other mining towns in C. & Cal, and arrived at the following conclusions,

- 1- For me to labor in that work with my family in their health & circumstances would imperatively demand that I locate them down in some of the Cal. valleys, and go alone into my work, only occasionally visiting them as circumstances would permit.
- 2- That all such places, & particularly

Truckee was very unstable and unreliable in population, importance &c. Truckee is a very place now, but there is no confidence felt in its permanence. On the contrary some its citizens believe it will fade away with its disappearing forests.

3- That the only way to accomplish anything in that work, - and there of course must have the Gospel - is by a system of itineracy by young men, or those so circumstanced as to go comfortably into it.

These views were strongly urged by brethren, including our Diet. Miss. upon this coast - and this place from which I now write was so urgently presented as to induce me to visit it, while waiting to hear from Dr. Knudsen & yourself, and accordingly what I now write - very hastily - is from the very ground itself -

Los Angeles is a city of about 15000

visited en passant a number of strong  
and influential Friends <sup>read for</sup>  
organization - and this could be  
commanded from this place when  
I now write. Indeed, somebody  
must go on with this thing now  
or we will lose control of one  
of the richest & most delightful  
portions of all our fair land. The  
Brethren on this coast, were im-  
pregned with a sense of very  
adaptation, for the work for which  
I have birth and familiar ac-  
quaintance with Southern character  
&c &c - My own judgment  
and taste are in the same direction  
and I have written by this same mail  
to Dr Krudal requesting a transfer  
of my com. to this field. If  
you concur in these facts, please  
aid me in the matter and in  
all ways you can - and I will  
communicate with you regularly  
from this interesting field, which  
will really be the Southern half.



souls - perhaps half Catholic - is an old Spanish Town, but in the past 2 years becoming rapidly American. It is in one of the richest portions of the state with a salubrious climate, and attracting a rapidly increasing & permanent immigration. It is the key to this whole Southern part of Cal. in which we have not a single Presby. Minister. We have about 20 or 30 (perhaps more) sound Presby. here, some of whom are among the best families of the place - We have already lost some of our material who have gone into an Episcopal or Congl. church, and the neglect of the field any longer would jeopardize the whole Miss. It requires peculiar management as a large portion of our people here are from the South. I found in Wilmington (the sea port of this place) where I preached and



of this state. It will be an expensive  
work the first year, but those inter-  
ested here assure me, that with  
a congregation built up and idea  
of the permanence of the work in-  
stilled, it will be self sustaining  
in our year. I have come down  
in faith that your judgment will ap-  
prove the measure, and that the Master  
will sustain the work. I need  
immediately about £400 or \$500, to start  
housekeeping (as a measure of eventual  
economy to the church) as I have  
to buy a house & ground, or board at a hotel,  
do you think the Board would ad-  
vance it?

Let me hear from you im-  
mediately & I will write again. I  
do not make any formal arrangement  
yet, want <sup>my</sup> to hear from you.

Yours in Christ,

I was very grateful for what **W. E. Harding**  
said to me - may the Lord bless you.

Brooklyn Nov<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> /69

Dear Bro Jackson -

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 3

could get no further. cant write when weary -  
must not & much time is taken in trying  
to improve my health. Within a few  
days my cough is leaving me, but  
without care would soon return.

I was too stupid when you were here to  
ask question's. Does the Board prevent, as  
it attempted to do before, your aiding  
needy Ministers? What were you trying to  
raise money for, is it to build Parsonages  
with the Churches? Does your wife like  
Council Bluffs as a residence.

How can I give my mite to the best  
advantage in your Mission? I can send  
it soon as you let me know - how it will  
be appropriated. I am, & have been, deeply  
interested for our colour'd People want  
to give them all I ought.

there is a great work to do for them.

Do you get the American Missionary?  
I could send it you.

Please write me what you do, when  
you can I want to show it Mrs Jackson.

Did I tell you Mr Marguand gave  
Mr Martin \$1000 after hearing him  
in our Ch, <sup>lecture</sup> upon our continent with  
his large map. Mr Martin's statements  
made us open our eyes. to say the least.  
We have very little conception of our  
Country's magnitude & latent power.  
We live in a day of wonders too.

I feel that the Commercial Council  
so call'd will develop more light  
& good, for Christ's cause than evil.  
I am weary & must stop.

kindest love to Mrs Jackson from us -  
speak of children if you write  
Truly Yrs L. L. Corvill

John R. Cook, Pres't.

T. H. Titus, Cashier.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
OF

Rochester, Minn., Nov 29 1869.

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother

We have been vainly endeavoring for some time to solve the problem of paying or taking care of our Church debt - It would seem desirable to fund it in some form at as low a rate of interest as possible - As a Church we are now poor - many of our members who now find it difficult to raise \$20 per annum will 5 years from now as easily raise \$100. - but it is not necessary to inform you as to our condition to proceed to business Can you not find some benevolent old gentlemen in the East who would loan us the necessary funds

to cancel our floating indebtedness he  
taking a mortgage on the church  
as security - I fancy I see you share  
your heat at the proposition but I  
see no other way out - We are  
owing your sister some \$2500. we  
owe you on the passage and my  
unpaid salary and I don't see how  
we are to pay either at present as  
it is about all we can do to pay our  
pastor and as he has quite a family  
and no means he needs it promptly

Mr Cook is now at home - I have  
laid the matter before him and it  
meets his approbation -

Please give this matter attention  
and reply at your earliest convenience

Yours Very Truly  
J. J. Jones



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Chicago, Nov. 29 1869

Rev. William Jackson  
Council Bluffs

Dear Sir,

Your esteemed  
favor of the 27<sup>th</sup> inst. is this day recd.  
Went to C. & N. W. Depot as per  
your letter from New York. did not see you.

We have recd no information of the  
arrival of the Rawlings Church as soon as  
we do. will send men. to put it up. everything  
has gone south etc.

Please send from you, for. Your or  
six men. from Chicago to Rawlings. The Cheyenne  
Church is so that it can be shipped any time  
but you state that you wanted the same. men  
to come back from Rawlings to put it up.

Now, about, draft, for. Cheyenne Church. can  
you send. any money is close here.

Respy Yours

Lyman Bridges

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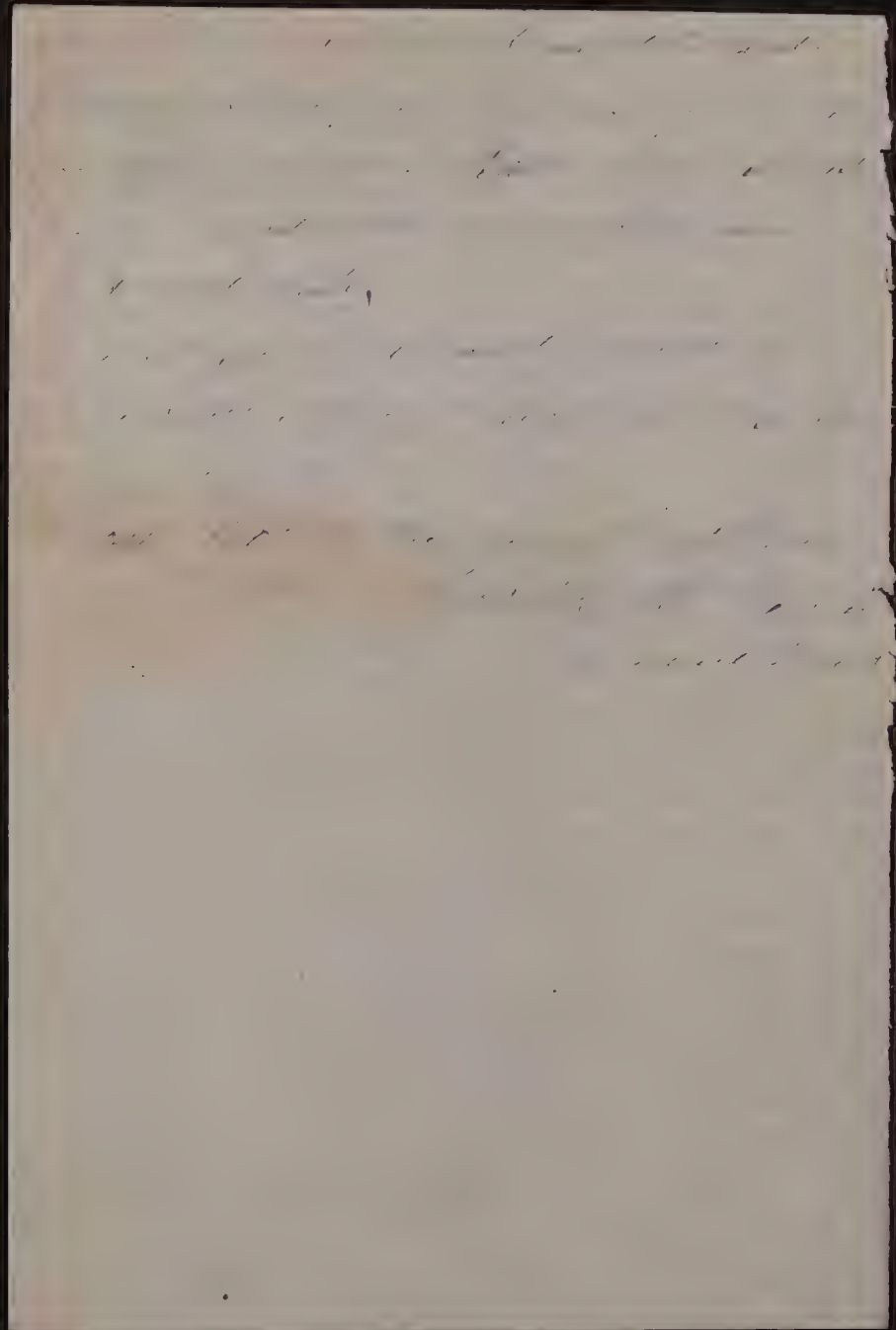
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Red Bl. Granite.

Nov. 30 1889

Rev. Theodore Tilton

Dear Sir, I have  
just returned from  
England. The Frank has  
been as well as you. He found  
well till the 20th. The  
day was not at all good for  
the first time but at last  
was a little good  
and which she proposes to be  
done. I was at a meeting  
of the Society, and  
Ladies' Association, and on  
the 20th the Corp. of the  
The meeting was held  
at the Hotel at 10 o'clock  
and the meeting was  
held at the Hotel at 10 o'clock

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Can not three ministers  
be brought together in Coun-  
cil Bluffs or elsewhere with-  
out a great deal of incon-  
venience or expense?

Almost any time will please  
me which will give me time  
to return to any appointments.  
I do not know who is  
the Moderator or Stated Clerk  
and so write to you.

Mrs Shulby writes in send-  
ing kind regards  
V. E. Shulby

Iowa  
Red Oak Junction

Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1870

Dear Bro Jackson

Yours of 22<sup>nd</sup>

inst. is at hand. I preached  
at Villisca at 11 A.M. last  
Sat. and at Modaway at  
night. at the latter place  
to a congregation of about 75  
persons. Mr Patton had received  
a telegram from you stating  
that Mr Hamilton of Corn  
would preach in two weeks.

In Company with two  
men from Modaway I went  
to Corn Monday morning.  
Mr Hamilton agreed  
to be down on Friday of  
next week and preach for  
that Friday Sat and Sabbath.



and will probably complete  
the organization. They are  
not willing to have the organ-  
ization carried to Villisca nor  
do I think it practical.

They are five miles away.  
None but sinners to cross, and  
the Methodists are in an old and  
comparatively thickly settled country  
have a large community and  
no opposition.

I am informed that Mr.  
Potter is an excluded or suspen-  
ded member of the Clarinda Ch.  
I understand he drinks.

I tell you this as it may be of  
use to you in future operations  
there. We have decided to  
have a series of meetings there  
beginning next week.

Could you spend a few



days with us? Would Mr  
Hamilton be agreed upon  
to call in on such an occasion?

There is no positive ap-  
pointment for preaching at  
Villisca in the weeks I told  
them we hoped to have serving,  
but if we soon definite notice  
would be given next Sat.

Yours Truly  
V. E. Shepley.